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NEWS AND VIEWS . . .

And What Have You

By BOB CRAIG



It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are running the following letter.

Police Department
City of Hamlin
Hamlin, Texas
Attention: Bryan Wasson

Dear Chief:

I feel sure that some of us who live in Hamlin take many fine things for granted and forget to be as grateful as we should. I could make a long list but I mention specifically our city government and our alert police department. We know a lot of hard work is necessary to make these function as they do. You have our thanks and support. In this particular instance, a special "thank you" to James Kerby and Homer Dill.

Sincerely,

Leldon Clifton
President
The Farmers & Merchants
National Bank

We say that we are running this letter with a great deal of pleasure because we know that too often all of us take too many things for granted that are only possible because someone else cares enough to do the job.

This holds true for not only our police department which in this case is being singled out for an outstanding job but also our volunteer fire department and our whole city government operation.

For the most part our policemen have a rather thankless job that in no way really pays enough when they are really needed.

All too often we tend to ridicule these people—that is until we need them. We would like to join Leldon in expressing our thanks too.

For you sports fans who like to play that fascinating game of "if" we offer the following bit of information.

Brad Stallcup, who went to school here in Hamlin through the eighth grade and then moved to Wichita Falls with his family, has been named a defensive back on the 6-AAAA All-District team. While he was not sited for his offensive work, we understand that he was quarterback for the Rider High School team for the final five games. It is not too hard to see how much an outstanding boy that can make a four A all-district team could have helped the Pipers this past season.

And while we are on the subject of All-District players we would like to mention that Gary Kerr, grandson of Mrs. O. R. Shelton of Hamlin, was named to 4-AA All-District team from Denver City. Gary, who is a junior, was named as a down-man on the defensive unit. He was a tri-captain for the 1970 Mustangs and was selected Outstanding-All Sports Athlete in 1968.

We know that his grandmother must be very proud of him.

One of Trio Arrested Here Released On Bond Monday

Bill Hicks, 20, of Coleman, charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and resisting arrest by firearms on two counts, has been released from Jones County jail after his request for reduced bond was granted.

Justice of the Peace, George Harrell, Anson, reduced the bond to \$4,500 with the approval of District Attorney Ed Paynter and Jones County Sheriff Woodrow Simmons.

Hicks was arrested here Dec. 14 by Patrolmen Homer Dill and James Kerby. Others arrested and still in jail at press time were Mark Lindsey, 30, and his wife, Lyndell Taylor Lindsey, 27.

Lindsey and his wife were also charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and resisting arrest by firearms on two counts. Mrs. Lindsey was also charged with possession of dangerous drugs.

Patrolmen Kerby and Dill apprehended the trio at 10:55

p.m. Dec. 14 in the alley behind Turner Insurance Agency in the 200 Block of South Central.

The investigation conducted by the Hamlin Police Department is under the direction of Police Chief Wasson.

Wasson said that numerous burglary tools, various firearms, adhesive tape, nylon parachute cord, and walkie talkies were among the items found in the car used by the trio. The car was also equipped with a police monitor radio and a citizens band radio, he said.

Chief Wasson was assisted by Sheriff Simmons in the investigation.

Garden Club Tells Yule Decorating Contest Winners

The Garden Club judges who were in Hamlin Dec. 17 to judge the Christmas Lighting Contest complimented the town for the outstanding Christmas displays and lighting of the residential area. They were regretful, however, that many of the outstanding decorations could not be judged because the residents had not entered the contest. Only those entered were eligible to be judged.

Eleven residences were judged on a point system according to Garden Club standards.

Contest winners, who will be receiving gifts provided by local merchants, include John Kent Jones, S. C. Hollis, Delton Jackson, Rex Reynolds, Ed Lewis, Rev. Wendell Shirey, O. G. Harvey, Clyde Flenniken, Charles Evans, Ned Moore and Frank Meyer.

The panel of accredited Garden Club judges included Mrs. Marvin Stamford, Mrs. H. L. Bosse, and Mrs. Lavera Dodson, all of Stamford. They were entertained with a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe League following the judging.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudspeth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodgame Jr., Mrs. R. D. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Maberry.

Wayne West New Gas Company Manager Here

Wayne West has been named manager of the Hamlin Distribution Office of Lone Star Gas Company, according to C. C. Elliott, Abilene regional manager. He replaces C. F. Hilburn, who will manage the Gatesville office.

In his new position, West will supervise the natural gas distribution to over 1,400 customers in the Hamlin area.

West joined Lone Star Gas in 1954 in Knox City. He was serving as senior service representative of the company's Anson office before his promotion to Hamlin manager.

A native of Benjamin, West is a member of the Lions Club and the Baptist Church. He and his wife, Wanda, have three children; Sandra, 20; Mark, 15 and Blake, 13.

News deadline is noon Tuesday.



BROTHERS VISIT HERE—Here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart and family are four Ray brothers from the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth. They are, from left, Ronald, 12, Mark, 11, Richard, 8, and Rex, 4, center front. Their visit is sponsored by Hamlin Masonic Lodge #958.

Four Brothers From Masonic Home Visit Here for Week

Four Ray brothers from the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart and family, under the sponsorship of the Hamlin Masonic Lodge No. 958.

The boys are Ronald, 12, Mark, 11, Richard, 8, and Rex, 4. Mr. Stewart, who is also a 75th District Deputy Grand Master, went to Fort Worth for the boys Saturday. They will return to the Home Sunday.

Other members of the

Lodge are sharing in entertaining the boys.

O. G. Harvey, worshipful master, and A. E. Killian, secretary, have worked out details for the boy's visit.

Another brother, James, 3, also lives at the Home.

Arrangements were made with the supervisor, John T. Bean, who is a former student of the School for 11 years and is past Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

Hamlin Ex-students To Preach Here During Holidays

Two graduates of Hamlin High School will be returning to Hamlin for the Christmas holidays and will fill the pulpit at the Church of the Nazarene, according to the pastor, Rev. Marshall Stewart.

Rev. Dennis Johnson, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Denair, Calif., will preach at the morning worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Raynell Smith, pastor of Peniel Church of the Nazarene in Greenville, will preach at the evening worship at 6 p.m.

Rev. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson. He was graduated from Texas Tech and Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He and his wife, the former Jamie Lee Davis of Lubbock, have two sons, Duane and Paul.

Rev. Smith, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elin Smith, is married to the former Pauline Smart. They have three children.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Veteran's Service Officer Blue Womack, who maintains the local office here each Thursday, has announced that he will not be in Hamlin on Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

Gov. Smith Urges Drive Friendly During Holidays

AUSTIN — Gov. Preston Smith continued his strong personal appeal to Texas motorists this week, urging them to drive friendly during the coming holiday season to make this year one with fewer traffic fatalities than 1969.

"The holiday season is a time of year when family relationships and consideration for our fellow man are most meaningful," Gov. Smith said. "It is tragic to think of the heartbreak and sorrow which results from completely meaningless deaths on our streets and highways."

"I sincerely hope the negligence of a few will not mar the holiday happiness of many," the Governor said.

The Governor pointed to a chart in his office which shows traffic fatalities this year are running slightly below the number recorded last year. "We have the opportunity to reduce the number of traffic deaths in Texas this year," Gov. Smith said. "But to do so, Texas motorists must heed the safety admonitions which are being publicized through an all-out effort of newspaper, radio and television facilities in our State."

He further expressed full support of the Department of Public Safety's "Operation Motorcade," the law enforcement department's effort to prevent highway violence. The DPS has estimated 87 persons will die on Texas streets and highways during the two holiday weekends, but is planning a massive drive to help keep the toll under its own estimate.

The Governor pointed out that his office of traffic safety has sponsored drives during each of the dangerous holiday weekends during the year. He expressed the view that the statewide campaign was paying dividends. "The

expression 'DRIVE FRIENDLY' is taking on a realistic meaning for Texas motorists," he said. "DRIVE FRIENDLY" is the phrase the state's traffic safety campaign has been using for the past year.

"There is ample evidence that 'DRIVE FRIENDLY' is becoming a state of mind among Texas motorists," he said. "During Thanksgiving, slightly more than 30 fatalities were recorded. Last year, 58 were killed in traffic during the same holiday weekend."

"In my view, this is confirmation that Texas drivers are more safety conscious than ever before," the Governor said.

"We are fortunate in Texas to have one of the world's finest systems of streets and highways," he added. "They provide a means for all of us to travel during the holiday season to join our loved ones and friends. This is especially important during this time of the year."

"We want to continue to encourage Texans to take advantage of our fine road system. And we hope we can continue to make them safer."

Stamford Man Wins 'Tin Lizzie' Given By Hudspeth

Joe Hudspeth, owner of Joe Hudspeth's tire and appliance stores in Stamford, Breckenridge and Hamlin, has announced the winner of the Tin Lizzie, gasoline powered miniature car.

Winner in the Tuesday drawing was Andrian Marshall, 409 N. Weatherbee, Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis O. Sursa Jr. are parents of a son, John Ernest, born Dec. 21 at 7:40 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 1/2 oz.



VICKI NEWLAND
... McMurry graduate

Vicki Newland To Receive Degree From McMurry

Vicki Lynn Newland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Newland and graduate of Hamlin High School with the class of 1967, has completed work in McMurry College for a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

She was an active member of Delta Beta Epsilon Social Club at McMurry. Her practice teaching in the Valley View sixth grade was with a former Hamlin teacher and student, Mrs. Bob Morrison, the former Kathryn Gardner.

While records will show that the students graduate Dec. 18, they will go through the ceremony of having their degrees conferred with spring graduates in May.



BAND SWEETHEART—Fodie Sonnenburg, Hamlin High School senior, was presented as Band Sweetheart at the annual Christmas Concert Thursday evening. The coronation ceremony was at the concert because of inclement weather at the last football game. Tony Lewis, drum major, made the presentation.

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Our sincerest thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Sally Hall. We especially thank those who brought in food and sent flowers.
The Hall family

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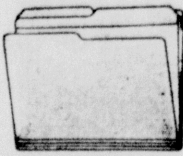
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Neinda Philosopher Gives Up On His Plan To Get Congress to Equalize Gift-Giving

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One gets into the spirit of the season, we guess.

Dear editor:
I have about given up on the plan I bring up every

Sarah L. Hall Dies Here Dec. 16 After Long Illness

Sarah L. Hall, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Hamlin Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Church of Christ, Wilton H. Johnston, minister, R. O. Proctor of Abilene, and Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiated. Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery. Born in Uvalde Feb. 14, 1886, her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Miller. She was married to W. H. Hall at Anson in 1910. He died Dec. 31, 1960.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are one son, Frankie of Hamlin; a brother, Henry Miller of Stamford, a sister, Mrs. Maggie Bailey of Brady; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Don Hall, A. J. Winegart, Woodie Scott, Lee Hastings, Clarence Miller and Dewey Hall.

Funeral Held In Timpson Dec. 16 For Willis Paige

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 in Timpson for Willis Paige, 54, a resident of Hamlin for fourteen years.

Mr. Paige, who was employed on a road construction crew, died of a heart attack Dec. 11 near Eastland while commuting to work. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Eastland hospital.

Services were conducted last Wednesday in Friendship Baptist Church by Rev. B. C. Freeman, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church of Hamlin.

Mr. Paige was born Oct. 10, 1916, in Garrison, Shelby County, Texas, the son of Randall and Pearl Paige.

He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and served on the board of deacons and the usher board.

He is survived by his wife, Maudie; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Paige of Timpson; his father, Randall Paige of Henderson; one son, James Paige of Germany; one daughter, Gillis Nell Paige of Los Angeles, Calif.; a step son, Authur Lee Carroway, also of Los Angeles; four brothers, three sisters and nine grandchildren.

Third Class Petty Officer and Mrs. Ronnie Wilcox are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilcox, Barbara and Rhonda, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore. While here they will also visit his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Benja Wilcox in Snyder. The Wilcoxs will return to Quonset Point, R. I., where he is stationed with the U. S. Navy.

The total value of the award is \$400 with one-fourth of the amount given each semester that the student maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

Miss Wallace, Gil Lain Receive H-SU Scholarships

Mary Jane Wallace and Gil Lain, both of Hamlin, were among the 30 students at Hardin-Simmons University to receive Honor Scholarships for the fall semester.

Gil is a sophomore religious education major and Mary Jane is a freshman.

Honor scholarships are offered for four semesters to the valedictorian and salutatorian of high school and junior college graduating classes. If neither the valedictorian nor salutatorian of a class attends H-SU, two graduates in the top 10 per cent of the class are eligible for the scholarships.

The total value of the award is \$400 with one-fourth of the amount given each semester that the student maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

year about this time to get Congress to equalize Christmas, to pass a Christmas Gift Support Program whereby a man, if he spent more for gifts than he got, could have the government make up the difference, thus allowing everybody to come out even.

I can't get any Congressman to introduce the bill, on account of geography. I

Mrs. Luther Rector Dies In Ft. Worth, Rites Held Sunday

Mrs. Luther (Treasure Nell) Rector, 69, died at 7 p.m. Friday at Ft. Worth Hospital in Ft. Worth. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in McCauley Methodist Church with the Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor of the Buffalo Gap and Lawn Methodist Churches, and Rev. John Price of Abilene officiating. Burial was in the McCauley Cemetery.

Born May 20, 1901, in DeLeon, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Patterson. She was married to Luther E. Rector at Dublin on June 14, 1930. He died May 5, 1968.

A resident of McCauley for 38 years, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and McCauley United Methodist Church. She taught school in McCauley for 24 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Patricia Louise) Overton of Ft. Worth; one step sister, Mrs. Ruth Qualls of DeLeon, and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Estel Patterson, Kee Patterson, John B. Rector, T. E. Green, H. D. Stephens, Leldon Clifton, Aubrey Perry and O. H. Hill.

Funeral Services Held Friday for Mrs. Farmer, 74

Funeral rites were held at 3 p.m. Friday for Mrs. W. M. (Lula) Farmer, 74, at the Foursquare Gospel Church with the Rev. Carl Pool, pastor, and Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial was in Hamlin East Cemetery.

Mrs. Farmer had lived on Route 2, Stamford, since 1902. She died at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at 120 N. W. Ave. B after a four month illness.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rumfield, she was born Dec. 28, 1885 in Tarrant County. On October 10, 1915 she was married to W. M. Farmer at Boyds Chapel.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Warren of Covington, Georgia and Wayne of Midland; two daughters, Mrs. Leaford (Verne) Stone of Breckenridge and Mrs. Bill (Faye) Scarber of Lorraine; a brother, H. A. Rumfield; four sisters, Mrs. Wray Boyd, Mrs. Viola Shipman, Mrs. Monroe Tabb and Mrs. Cecil Brown; eighteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One son and two daughters preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Cecil Woodruff, Roy Gardner, Chellie Childress, Carl Lund, Bill Smith and Tommie Smith.

Light Shower Here

Rainfall here Tuesday morning measured .07 by official U. S. Weather Bureau gauge maintained by Bill Rountree, 336 N. W. Third.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

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Mrs. Otto Steinke
Priscilla Macias
Melanie Macias

I guess it's on account of television, but Congress now knows more about geography than ever before in history, and every time a good domestic program is thought up, Congress discovers another country needing help.

SERVICES AT 11 A.M. TODAY FOR MRS. L. E. BREEDLOVE, 58

Mrs. L. E. Breedlove, 58, died at 6 a.m. Sunday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas after an illness of one month.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Oak Grove Baptist Church with Rev. B. C. Freeman, pastor, and the Rev. J. L. Johnson of Little Zion Baptist Church of Brownwood, officiating.

Burial will be in Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of Foster Funeral Home.

Mrs. Breedlove was born Jan. 27, 1912, in Marlin. She married Jack Breedlove in Hamlin. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Pink Johnson.

Survivors are one son, Jack Jr. of Dallas; one brother, Raymond Johnson of Hamlin; one half brother, Delam Johnson of Marlin; two sisters, Mrs. Rosie S. Davis of Dallas and Mrs. Laura Gilbert of Tulsa, Okla.; and one grandchild.

Woodmen of the World Flag to Civil Defense Group

Members of the Woodmen of the World presented a U. S. Flag to the local Civil Defense Service at the annual WOW Christmas dinner held Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Making the presentation to local Civil Defense Director Glen Williams were Robert W. Putnam, field representative of Abilene, and John Hix, local Council Commander.

During the meeting officers for 1971 were elected for WOW Camp 4415.

Elected were John C. Hix, president; Mrs. Glen Williams, vice president; Mrs. C. L. Howard, chairman trustee; B. L. Payne and Kenneth Seiffes, trustees; Mrs. Hix, treasurer; Calvin Dickerson, watchman; Mrs. Dickerson, escort; Mrs. Seiffes, sentry, and Glen Williams, banker.

Former Resident, Grover Moulton, Dies In Houston

Funeral for Grover N. Moulton, 68, of Houston was at 2 p.m. Sunday in Restwood Memorial Chapel in Lake Jackson. Burial was in Restwood Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Moulton died in a Houston hospital at 3 a.m. Friday.

Born and reared near Hamlin, his parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. John Moulton of Neinda. He moved to Houston in 1930 and was a retired Dow Chemical Co. employee.

Survivors are his wife, Nellie; four daughters, Mrs. Joe Awood and Mrs. Robbie Spillers of Houston, Mrs. Frank Travis of Brazoria and Mrs. Albert Muse of Freeport; a son, Jack of Houston; a brother, John R. of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. A. F. Weaver of Snyder, and seven grandchildren.

Weekend events should be reported to the Herald by noon Monday.

United States has spent over 100 billion dollars helping other countries and as far as I can tell about all we've gotten in return is a few Christmas cards.

But I didn't start out to deplore anything, this is Christmas time and there's nothing wrong with Christmas cards, although gift-wrapped packages are better. Understand though they don't have to be gift-wrapped.

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Merry Christmas, Editor

Yours faithfully,
J. A. Craig

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Hot Rolls tonight!

MRS BAIRD'S HomeBake Rolls



GIFT GIVEN TO LODGE—Members of several Hamlin civic and social clubs joined together to provide a portable stereo record player and records for residents of Holiday Lodge. The presentation was made Monday at the annual Christmas party. Representatives of the various clubs are, from left, Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Joe Ford, Miss Viola Avants, Mrs. Joe Murff, Mrs. Harvey Lawlis, Mrs. Donald Young, Mrs. O. G. Harvey, Mrs. Joe Hudspeth and Mrs. Mack Sellers.

Garden Club Project Nets Record Player for Lodge

A project started by the Hamlin Garden Club which grew to include other civic and social clubs of Hamlin was climaxed here Monday with the presentation of a stereo record player and records to Holiday Lodge.

The presentation was made at the annual Christmas party for residents in the dining room of the Lodge after lunch Monday.

Mrs. Joe Murff, chairman of the committee, introduced representatives of the various clubs.

Representatives of the clubs participating in the project were Mrs. Donald Young, president, Woman's Literary Club; Joe Ford, president, Rotary Club; Mrs. Mack Sellers, president, Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Xi Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Harvey Lawlis, president; Jaycee-

ettes; and Miss Viola Avants, Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club. Representing the Garden Club were Mmes. Murff and O. G. Harvey, members of the committee, and Mrs. Joe Hudspeth, club president.

Reception Honors Vahlenkamp's On 25th Anniversary

By Bernice D. White
A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vahlenkamp on their 25th Wedding Anniversary was held in the Old Glory Son's of Herman Hall Saturday evening Dec. 12.

Mrs. Oren Baldree registered the guests at the reception. Mrs. Lewis Crozine served the cake. Mrs. Eugene Vahlenkamp and Mrs. Virgil Vahlenkamp opened and displayed the gifts.

Guests were registered from Abilene, Denton, Dallas, La Grange, Houston, Aspermont, Lubbock, Weinert, Hamlin, Haskell, Lawton, Okla., Stamford, Sager-ton and Old Glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Vahlenkamp were married in La Grange Dec. 30, 1945.

They have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Nancy) Brown, presently living at Corsicana, but will soon be moving to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where her husband will be stationed after Jan. 3, and a son, Marvin, who is home on leave from Ft. Ord, Calif. He will report to Oakland, Calif. on Jan. 1, for duty in Viet Nam.

The Vahlenkamps have two grandchildren.

Mrs. Young made the formal presentation in original verse.

Records have been given to the Lodge by Mrs. Tom Gregory and Mrs. Hudspeth. Long playing records that date back a few years would be greatly appreciated, Mrs. Murff said. Anyone wishing to donate records of this type may take them to the Lodge at any time.

The Garden Club expresses their thanks to everyone who made the project a success.

Home Economist Gives Women In Concern Program

Women in Concern met Monday night, Dec. 14 in the High School Cafetorium. Mrs. Kathryn Cawley, home economist for Lone Star Gas Company, gave the program on "Inexpensive Things to Make for Presents." She was accompanied from Abilene by Mrs. Mary Haight, a former resident of Hamlin who is also an employee of the Gas Co.

Miss Mary E. Esco and Mrs. Janie Cork were hostesses. Others attending were Mrs. Johnnie Hester, Mrs. James Covington, Marsha Hester, Mrs. John Hix, Mrs. Charles Brumley, Mrs. Floyd Hallmark, Mrs. R. L. Kirk, Mrs. Vernon Skalenda, Mrs. Don Norris, Debbie Norris, Mrs. I. J. Starr, Mrs. Carl Murrell, and Mrs. Joe Wayne Carter.

The Jan. 18 meeting will be at the Oak Grove Baptist Church with Mrs. Starr serving as hostess.

Polasek-Acklin Vows Exchanged

Jeannetta Jo Polasek and Rickey Gynn Acklin were married Monday evening in the Minter Lane Church of Christ in Abilene. Holbert Rideout, minister, read the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ottinger of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Acklin of Anson, formerly of Hamlin, are parents of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Danny Warner, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Rita Butler and Linda Horton, both of Quanah, and Diane Polasek of Paducah, cousin of the bride.

Wesley Acklin of Abilene was best man for his brother. Ushers were Dale Mitchell of Austin and Mike Dudley of Bishop.

Presented in marriage by her grandfather, C. C. Crozier of Abilene, the bride wore a gown of bridal satin with Victorian collar and cuffs with Venetian lace appliques and a chapel length train. Fabric rose buds trimmed with seed pearls held her veil of silk illusion. She carried a cascade of white roses and stephanotis atop a white Bible.

Attendants wore identical empire princess style gowns of cranberry velvet with a pink satin sash. They carried nosegays of feathered pink carnations and holly leaves. Circlets of feathered carnations and holly leaves were worn as headpieces.

The reception was in the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Don H. Morris. Debbie Miller registered guests. Others in the houseparty were Mrs.

Jack Boyd and Pam Frice.

After a wedding trip to South Texas, the couple will be at home at 634½ College Drive in Abilene where the groom is employed by Merchants Fast Motor Lines. Both are juniors in Abilene Christian College.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Town Crier.

Eastern Star to Give Instruction Here

Hamlin Chapter No. 460, Order of Eastern Star, will have classes of instruction starting Monday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in Masonic Lodge. The classes will be taught by Mrs. Everett Gibson.

Mrs. Cal Sewell, worthy matron, urges all new and old members to attend.

Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Solis of Arlington are parents of a daughter, Melissa Renae, born Dec. 13 at 4:04 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

The mother is the former Anne Hayes. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Plez Solis.

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Rodolfo Ramon are parents of a daughter, Patti, born Dec. 17 at 12:20 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 15½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Bonds are parents of a boy, Kelly Drew, born Dec. 20 at 6:38 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 2½ oz.



May the sounds of the season be joyous for you!

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Ruth Class Meets In Wilcox Home Exchange Gifts

Ruth Sunday School Class of North Central Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Ben Wilcox and exchanged gifts.

Present were Mmes. Newell King, W. J. Stewart, Eddie B. Hopper, V. Madden, Vada Putnam, Sid Clay, Floyd Wallace, E. D. Jenkins, G. B. Phillips, Opal Goodgame and Wilcox.

Mrs. Phillips opened the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. Stewart brought the Bible quiz. Mrs. King gave the devotion on the second chapter of Luke.

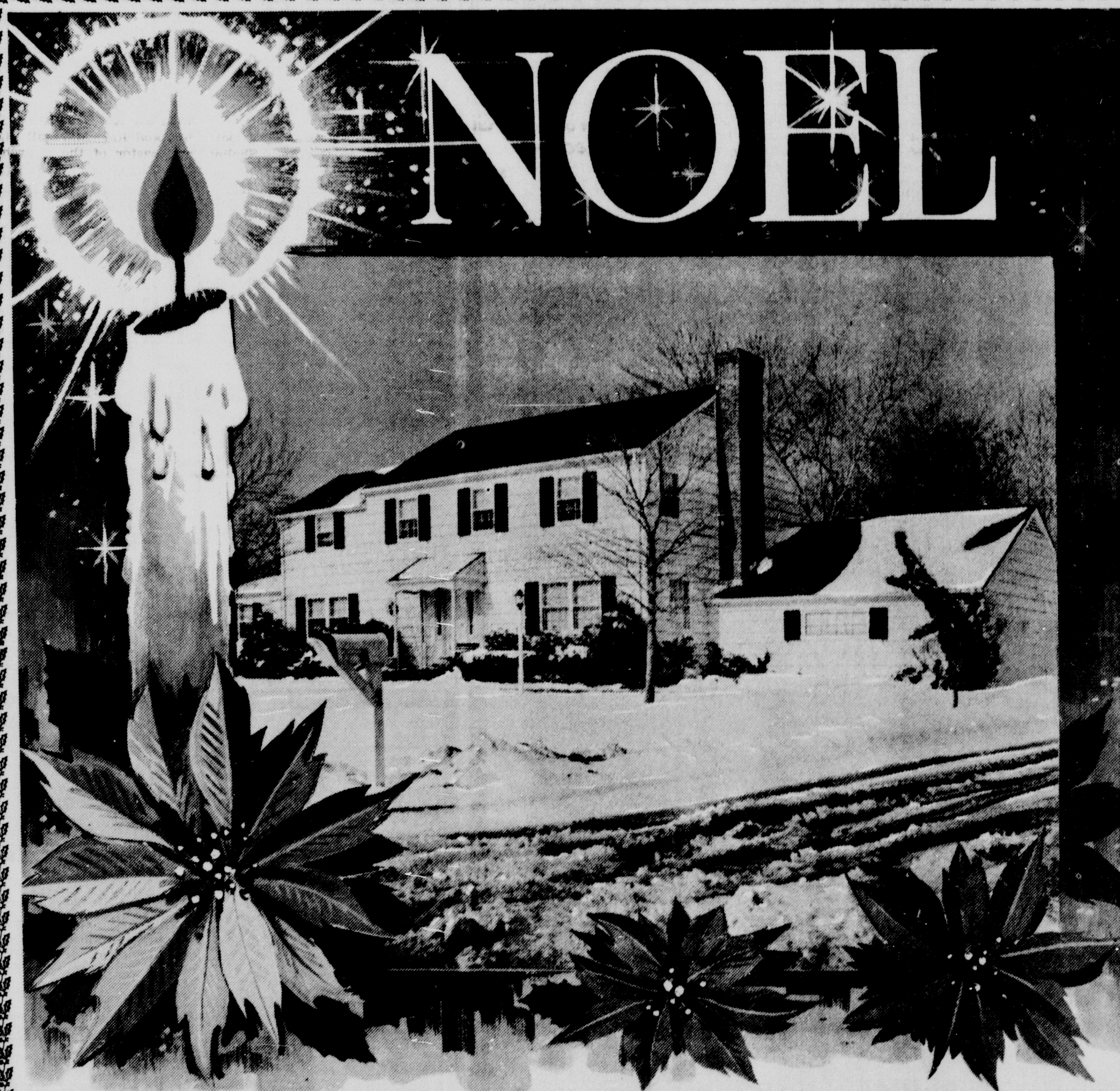


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CHRISTMAS TO YOU

To you our customers, at this very festive season, we wish all blessings.

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HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE



May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours through this season and the coming year. And with this may we add our sincere thanks for your kind patronage this past year.

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"Solid As A Rock"



TOTALLING THEIR PURCHASES—The second grade girls from the primary school check out their purchases at Winn's Store with manager Charles Reed, right. The boys of the classes were taken to the store earlier.



ON SPENDING SPREE—The girls of the Second Grade classes of Hamlin Primary School ask Mrs. Fred Smith, teacher and principal, center, about the prices of items they wish to purchase. Members of the class were each given 39¢ to spend as they chose.

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May the spirit of holiday
joy burn brightly in your
home and in your heart!

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They had a STAR

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Yes, they had a star... Today we have churches to guide us to our Saviour. Come worship the Lord in his house.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny, the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Serv.

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NORTH CENTRAL BAPTIST
Rev. Harold D. Fleming
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Services 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Wilton H. Johnston, minister
Lake Drive at Ave. A
SUNDAY
Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Young People 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Mid week service 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Dr. R. Luther Kirk
48 S. W. Ave. A
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
M. Y. F. 5:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sessions for Children Grades 1 thru 6 4 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Howard J. Jones
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

SUNSET BAPTIST CHURCH
Ave. C at 6th
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Mexican Mission
Stamford Highway
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Frank Codington, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

McCaulley Methodist Church
Dr. R. Luther Kirk
SUNDAY
Morning Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. Marshall Stewart
S. W. 1st at Avenue C
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
N. Y. P. S. 5:80 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Sean Sheeran
Aspermont Highway
SUNDAY
Mass 8 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Services 7:30 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH
Rev. Carl Pool
113 S. W. Avenue D
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Crusader Hour 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer, Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. W. B. Shirey, pastor
N. W. Avenue G at 5th
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Song, Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
24 S. E. 9th
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Christ Ambassadors 6 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church
600 Block N. E. Ave. A
Elder Valery Henderson of Paducah, pastor
Meets second Sunday and preceding Saturday night each month

OAK GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. B. C. Freeman
Northeast Ave. H
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
B. T. U. 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

United Pentecostal Church
219 N. E. Ave. B
A. P. Tipton, pastor
Emma Tipton, co-pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic service .. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting 7:30 p.m.

McCaulley Baptist Church
Rev. Vergil Smith, pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

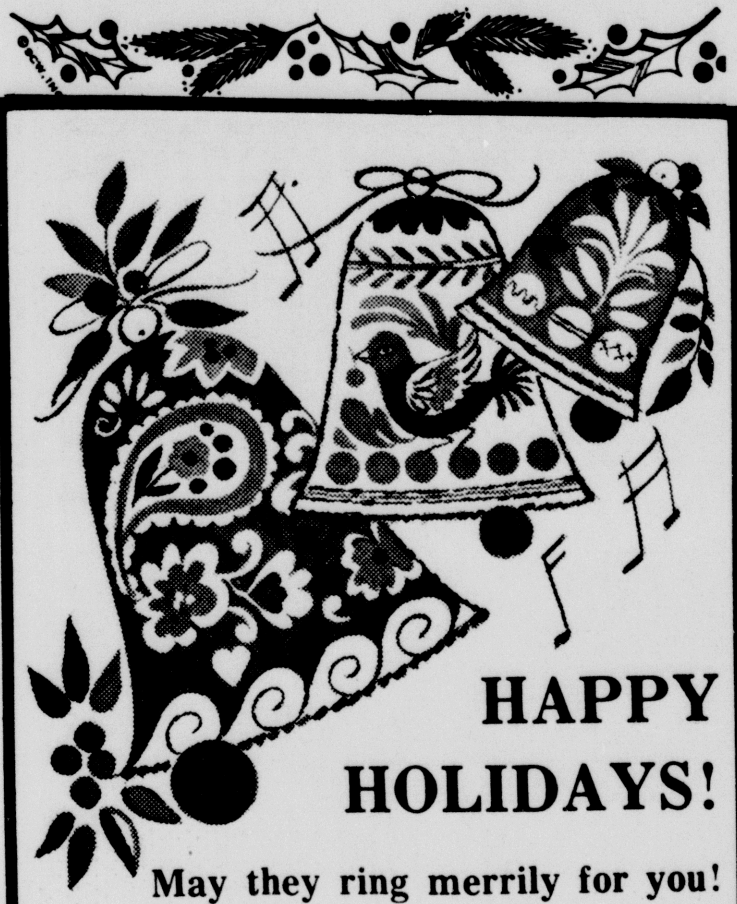
EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Class 10 a.m.
Morning worship 11 a.m.
Evening worship 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

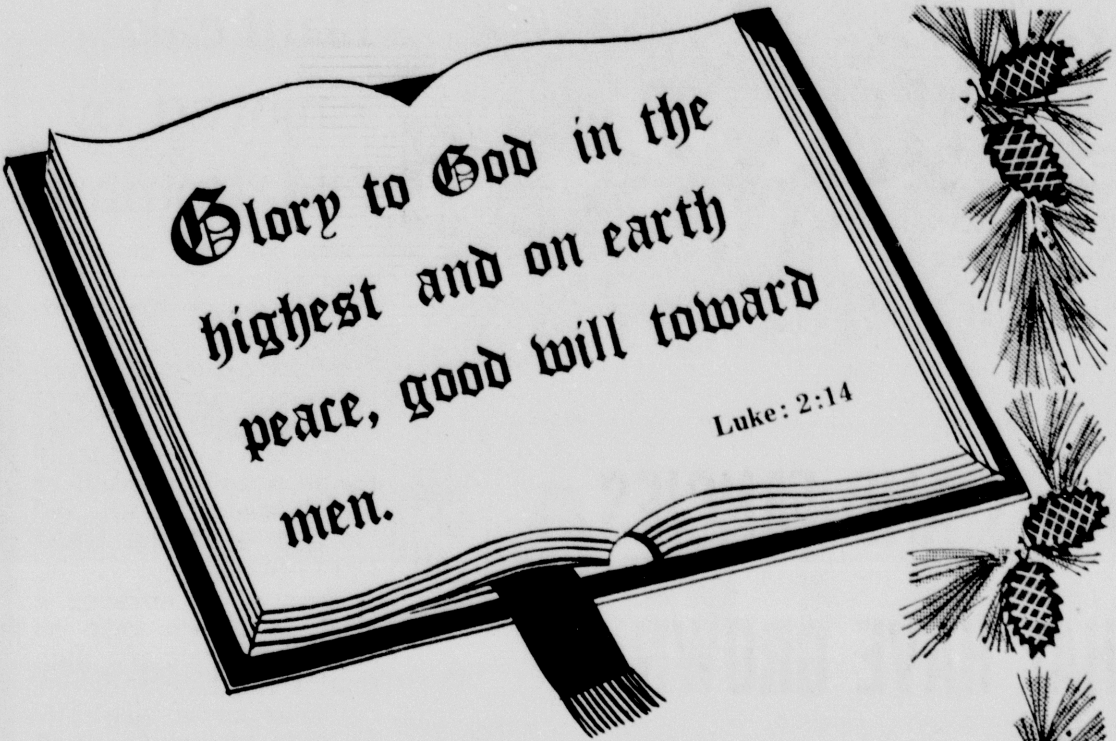
Sylvester Baptist Church
S. S. 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening worship 7 p.m.

Take what is: trust what may be:
That's life's true lesson.

Robert Browning



ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.
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Never a Christmas Morning . . .
Never the Old Year ends,
But Someone thinks of Someone
Old Days, Old Times, Old Friends

*holly was
venerated
by ancients*

Modern man is apt to take holly for granted, although it is much admired, and used, during the Christmas Season. Yet even before the coming of the Christchild, holly held a niche unique in the history of man's relationship with plants.

Writings of the Greeks and Romans record the giving of holly branches and wreaths on happy occasions. Wedding guests brought holly to the newly married couple as an expression of their good wishes, and boughs were frequently given as gifts to friends to signify goodwill. Its lustrous leaves and glossy berries enlivened pagan revels throughout Europe, most notably the notorious Roman festival of Saturnalia.

Householders from the frozen North to the Mediterranean isles brought holly into their dwellings to protect themselves from evil spirits. They considered it a haven for friendly fairies of the forest during the winter's cold, dark days. Branches were put in the barns, too, because its cheery brightness was believed to make the cattle thrive despite the bleak weather.

Persia's followers of Zoroaster believed the holly tree casts no shadow. They made a tea of holly leaves for use in religious ceremonies. In Germany, holly was called Christdorn, for it was thought



that the crucifixion wreath was made of holly. In England, he who trod on holly berries was cursed with bad luck, for the robin who loves these berries was said to have plucked the thorns from Christ's brow. This was how he got his red breast, according to ancient legend.

Mexican children wait
till January 6 before
getting presents . . .

Mexico is a country where Santa Claus and the Christmas legends have apparently lost a battle to win acceptance. Children are told that gifts come from "niño Jesus," the boy Jesus, and in most cases must wait until Jan. 6, the day of the Three Wise Men, before they get their presents.

About 60 per cent of all pre-school age children suffer from malnutrition. UNICEF assists nutrition programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East.



T and O FLOWERS

Lou and Ben Turner

Grace and Burt Oliver



Time to wish everyone a
very merry Christmas season!

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison
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To all our good friends.

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To our very
good friends,

best wishes for the holiday season
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to all our patrons

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Have a "bumper crop" Yuletide!

PIED PIPER MILLS

Brazil celebrates a summery Christmas

As in many warm spots in the U.S. where palm trees wave and surfers play, in those Latin-American countries south of the equator, Christmas celebrations simulate the traditional wintry scene. During December it's summer, and Santa most likely will have a temperature-control undersuit beneath all that red velvet and ermine.

In Colombia, government authorities have prohibited the chopping down of pine trees to help preserve the nation's forests. So, many Colombian families will be using aluminum and plastic Christmas trees, even as their North American neighbors do.

Christmas is more of a family affair and often quieter in Latin America than in the more developed, industrialized northern countries. Families eat a large, intimate dinner. Gifts are exchanged, but on a somewhat smaller scale. The more devout attend midnight mass.

Customs in Latin America vary.

Take the Christmas Eve dinner, for instance. In Argentina, where the Italian influence is strong, families are apt to dine on ravioli and chicken. In Mexico, shrimp and rice and other regional dishes are likely to be the favorites, although turkey is becoming popular. In Lima, Peru, however, turkey has caught on as a main dish (unless some Yanqui-go home sentiment prevails). It's eaten with plenty of rice and salad, and afterwards there is usually an assortment of candies.

In Argentina, the bigger gifts are given on Christmas. On the day of the wise men, tots find smaller goodies tucked in a shoe or under a pillow.

In Panama, North American influence from the Canal Zone seems to have its Christmas effect. Children in tropical weather look to Christ and to Santa for their gifts, found under the tree.

Venezuela has its own variation of Christmas Eve — it's celebrated the same way as New Year's Eve, with a large meal and afterward family fiestas, with dancing of national rhythms. New Year's resolutions are made on Christmas Eve as well as on New Year's Eve.

legend of the three trees & the Christ-Child

Trees have been friends of Man for as long as recorded history. But not always are they associated with the coming of the Christ Child, and the day which Christians (and other sects, too) celebrate.

Legends abound about the origin of the Christmas tree. One is based on the three trees near the manger — the olive, the date and the pine tree.



Another legend concerns St. Boniface in the 8th century. On Christmas Eve, while the famous Man of God was hewing down the sacred oak that had been the object of idolatrous worship, a tornado blasted it. Just behind it stood a young fir tree pointing a green spire heavenward.

St. Boniface turned to the pagans and said, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of it. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are always green. Let this be the tree of the Christ child."



Merry Christmas
to you and your loved ones.

BLUE BONNETT CAFE
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Our very best
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Let us renew the message of
Christmas at this season.

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A Beautiful Yuletide to one and all! Greetings from

BILLIE'S BEAUTY BAR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Here's to your good health at Christmastime! Best wishes from

WAGGONER DRUG STORE

"The Fussy Pill Rollers"



JOY at CHRISTMAS

HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP FASHION SHOP


Byrdie Madden, Frankie Wilson, Opal Smith
Clarice Blankinship, Babs Jeffrey, Dink Hall
and Billy Fininis



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Let the good news ring out! Born is the King of Kings! We pray He may bless you and yours with peace and prosperity at Christmastime.

CONNALLY FORD SALES
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FACTS AND FANCIES THAT HAVE GROWN WITH THE FESTIVE TREE

One of the most joyous elements of the Christmas season is the Evergreen tree. Yet it is a fact that they were first brought into homes at a time of fear. And primitive man thought that they harbored beneficent spirits.

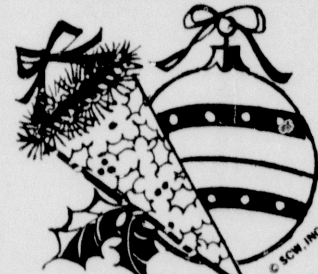
In the North, primitive man watched with mounting terror the decline of the life-giving sun. Lengthening winter nights carried the threat of unending cold, darkness and hunger. Frozen fields held no promise of another harvest. Fruit trees stood bare, apparently lifeless, deserted by the spirits.

Alone in the bitter cold and gloom, the evergreens stood as a document of faith in the revival of the sun god and the return of light and life to the frozen world. Living conifers in tubs were brought indoors to prop the householders' courage and to shelter the sylvan spirits. These earliest trees of the winter solstice ritual were not ornamented. They were a testament of life, not mere decoration.

The frivolous elements in the social observance of the Christmas holidays came not from the North but from the Mediterranean countries. In Rome, the celebration of the winter solstice was an imagined return to the simplicity and brotherly goodwill of the Golden Age. During the week of the Saturnalia which began on Dec. 17, all class distinctions and rules of decorum were suspended. No official business was transacted, children were released from school and truces were imposed on battlefields. Houses and public buildings were garlanded with flowers and evergreens. Gifts were exchanged, feasts were rampant and masks and mummery roamed the cobbled streets.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE ARE GLASS-ORNAMENT MAKERS. THEY WORK ON XMAS, MONTHS AHEAD

While you're busy selecting the perfect ornaments for your family tree, the manufacturers of them in all likelihood, are vacationing on some southern sands, or otherwise far away from the bustle . . . unless they, too, are admiring the ornaments selected for their trees!



Back in July many companies produced and moved ornaments all over the country in preparation for the Big Holiday.

While the ornament business is not big in the United States when compared with other industries special care is taken in the delivery of decorations that will deck the spruces, firs, pines and boughs of holly this Christmas season.

Mirabile dictu, only 12 to 15 per cent of such decorations are made of plastic.

Because of the special care in the shipment of glass balls, less than 4,000 out of 200 million glass balls produced last year were broken. An excellent performance!

Glass ornaments, which are produced by only three companies in this country, are usually only five one-thousandths of an inch thick and are quite fragile.

Most ornamental balls for the Christmas tree come in the popular size of 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 inches. One firm makes balls ranging from one" to 3 1/4."

Currently a major portion of holiday ornaments comes from Japan, with more and more being imported from Hong Kong and Taiwan in recent years. Italy, Germany and some of the countries behind the Iron Curtain also

Over 80 different designs are offered by one leading U.S. maker, which fashions about 40 million ornaments a year from American-produced glass.

Most glass decorations today are manufactured by machine but a limited number are still made by hand.



At This Holy Time

May the spiritual meaning of the season be with you this Christmas, and bring its blessings TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

STYLE CLEANERS
DON HYMER, Owner

Fruit cake Enjoyed by Old Romans

One of the most-favored delicacies of the holiday season is the Fruit-cake.

Many a loving homemaker will start months in advance and make the cake from an old family recipe, wrap it in a rum- or brandy-soaked cloth and store it until the Great Days come.

Most of us envision a dark red-brown cake so filled with fruit and nuts that it can hardly be cut . . . so aromatic with spirits that we could stand over it all day and 'drink in' its redolence.

However, the term "good fruitcake" has as many variations as the singers of its praises.

Such discrepancies arise, says an expert in bakers' matters, "because no one appears to have decided exactly what constitutes fruitcake." Not even a super-fussy Department of Agriculture of a certain state has attempted to define the delicacy.

It's not difficult to see why. Over the years, fruitcake has had as many recipes as eaters. To the ancient Romans, according to a well-known cookbook, it was Satura, a mixture of a well known barley mash, dried raisins, pine kernels and pomegranate seeds "laced with condiments and honeyed wine."

To Elizabeth of England it was spice cake, containing, according to a recipe of the time, "good ale barme . . . eight eggs with two yolks . . . aniseeds bruised . . . (and) a little rose water."

Most modern recipes appear to descend from the old Pennsylvania Dutch cake and British plum pudding cake. The latter was notable for its considerable brandy content, an ingredient missing from many commercial products.



BLESSINGS

May the Christ Child bestow His peace upon you and yours during this holy season


PIGGLY WIGGLY



NOEL

Let us follow the Star of Bethlehem, in search of that peace that passes understanding. May Christ's love abide with you and yours!

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER
Mary Margaret and Jayne Carol



A BLESSED NOEL

JORDAN'S DAIRY CREAM
MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN



LETTERS TO... SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little Christmas tree and I want a Big wheel. Please bring my little sister a Baby go Bye Bye and little play watch and a Bicycle. Please bring Thelma something. Please Bring Daddy Bill something. Please Bring Mother and Father Something hope you Bring my Dog some bones.
Love
John Bill

Dear Santa,
My name is Mike Simpson and I'm 5 years old and live in Hamlin, Texas. I would like for you to bring me a spring footed horse, Mr. Brain and gun set.
I have a little sister, her name is Tina and she is 22 months old. She would like for you to bring her a doll that talks and tricycle and

a horse. Thank you very much.
Love
Mike and Tina Simpson

Dear Santa,
I've been real good this year - just sometimes I don't take naps when Mother tells me to.

I would like to have a "Pitch-A-Ball Baby" and a "Baby-Go-Bye-Bye." Please bring something nice for my big sister, Sherrie and my big brother, Mark. And Santa my baby sister, Rocky-Ann sure could use a rocking chair.

I will leave you milk and cookies by the tree this year - and I will go to bed real early.

Please leave lots of candy.
Nicole Carter

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good girl. If you have one, May I have a polly play puff set for Christmas please?

Thank you Santa,
Your friend,
Donna Mann

Dear Santa,
I am three years old and I have been a good girl. I want a Baby Tender Love, doll bed, and a buggy. My sister is seven but she won't write to you because she thinks she is big. She wants a watch and Barbie Dolls.
Tricia Kiser

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and I want a drum for Christmas. Please bring my brother Cayce a toy.
I love you.
Keith Reed

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have tried to be a good little girl all year, so would you please bring me a Barbie doll that talks, a case to put her in, a play dough machine with some play dough and a pair of black patent boots.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls too.
I love you Santa,
Amanda Jaynes

Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn, I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a writing doll and a doll house. Thank you,
Love,
Shawn Slaughter
Oklahoma, City
P. S. I will be at my grandparents at 630 N. W. Ave. I.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a crazy car and some guns. I hope you have a safe journey Christmas eve night. There will be some pie and cake on the table.

Love,
Bradley Hobbs

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Johnny Lighting 500 race track and a toy gun. I have been a good boy, and I love you.
Joe Bob Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bee Bee gun, and a Tonka Truck. And if it is all right I would like a Guiter.
Thank you,
Darrell Hart



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS!

MACKEY'S CLEANERS
Ewell and Janice Mackey

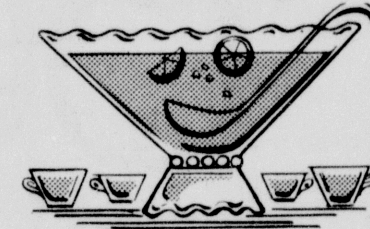
Dear Santa,
I would like a Crisy doll and a Bike. And if you don't mind, I would like a necklace.
Thank you,
Audrey Hart

1st Christmas toast results in marriage!

One wonders at the forcefulness of the weaker sex, on occasion, especially when a member of the so-called stronger sex is under the spell of spirits.

The wassail bowl and the Christmas toast were both started in the same gesture, so the tale goes, by the daughter of an early Germanic chieftain, then on a campaign in Britain. Offering a garlanded bowl of wine to her father's princely host, she said "Wassheil," or "Here's to you." The prince responded gallantly and, one thing leading to another, they were soon married.

For the common people of the Middle Ages, wassail was a mixture of hot ale, sugar, nutmeg, and



ginger. The nobility, however, used the finest wines in the cellar. In later times, a popular base for the wassail bowl was Spanish sherry grown from the grapes of Andalusia and fortified with brandy.

The word "toast" however, emerged from the fact that early wassail bowls sometimes had pieces of toast (as well as fruit) floating around in the top.


In medieval days the wassail was often accompanied by roasted peacock, re-stuffed in its feathered finery, and with a small fire (lighted brandy) playing about its nostrils. Her ladyship always served this dish herself.

Our European ancestors must have had strong stomachs and a gift for showmanship.

Come, bring with a noise, My merry, merry boys, The Christmas log to the firing.

While my good dame, she bids ye all be free, And drink to your heart's desiring.


— Robert Herrick



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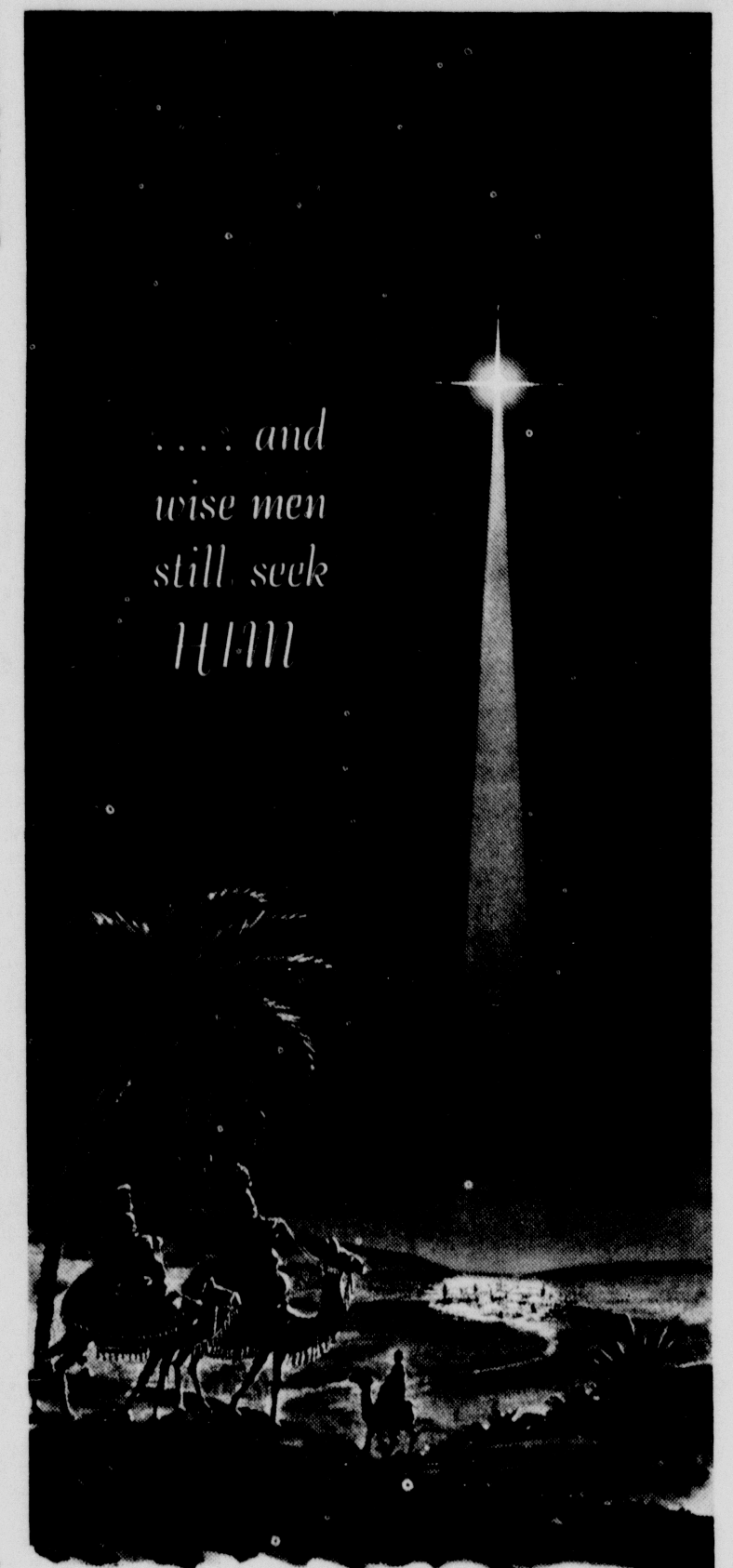
It's always a pleasure to wish our friends happiness!

BOB'S T-V
Bob and Donna Goodgame


IRISH LEGEND, IVY AND THE WINE GOD

The term "Bacchanalian revelry" often applies to holiday celebrations. Ivy is intertwined in the history of Bacchus, for ivy was the Wine God's crown.

Legend tells how it was introduced into Ireland. When Bacchus was traveling through the western lands he visited Ireland, and fell in love with its lush green, charm and beauty. When the time came for him to leave the country, he decided to plant the ivy as a living souvenir of his affection for the Emerald Isle.



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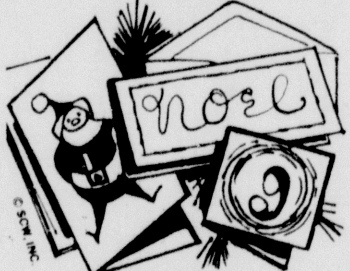
May we extend our best wishes to one and all

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little-known stories, and origins of Xmas customs

Americans exchange billions of Christmas cards every year. There are conflicting reports of who sent the first one. According to one source John Calcott Horsley designed the first card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843. It is a triptych, the central panel of which shows a well-fed family at table. They raise their glasses to toast, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You." Flanking them in the end panels are the poor and the hungry.



According to another source, the origin of this relatively modern custom is sometimes ascribed to the English Royal Academy artist, W.C.T. Dobson. In 1845 he sent friends lithographed copies of a sketch he had made to symbolize the Christmas spirit.

The first English printed cards were very simple; a robin, a sprig of holly or mistletoe, plus a conventional greeting. Pioneers of Christmas card printing in the United States were mostly Germans such as Louis Prang, who opened a shop in Roxbury, Mass. in 1874.



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We pray . . . that strength and courage be given to all who work for a world of good will . . . that the scourges of poverty, disease and callousness will be driven from the earth . . . that the spirit of the Season may live among us, for always.

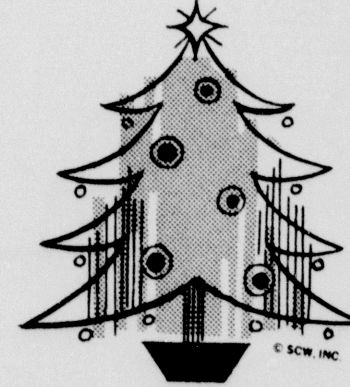


Christmas belongs to other sects too, Asians say

According to the manager of a large department store in Hong Kong, Christmas no longer belongs to Christians only. "The Chinese population," says he, "has made it a fete of their own. Buddhists, Confucians, Moslems, Shintoists, Taoists and all other men of good will express in some way the spirit of the season. In South Korea Christmas Eve is a night for revelry. The midnight to 4 a.m. curfew, imposed because of any North Korean threat, is lifted. Koreans in the thousands flock to tea houses, night clubs and hotels.

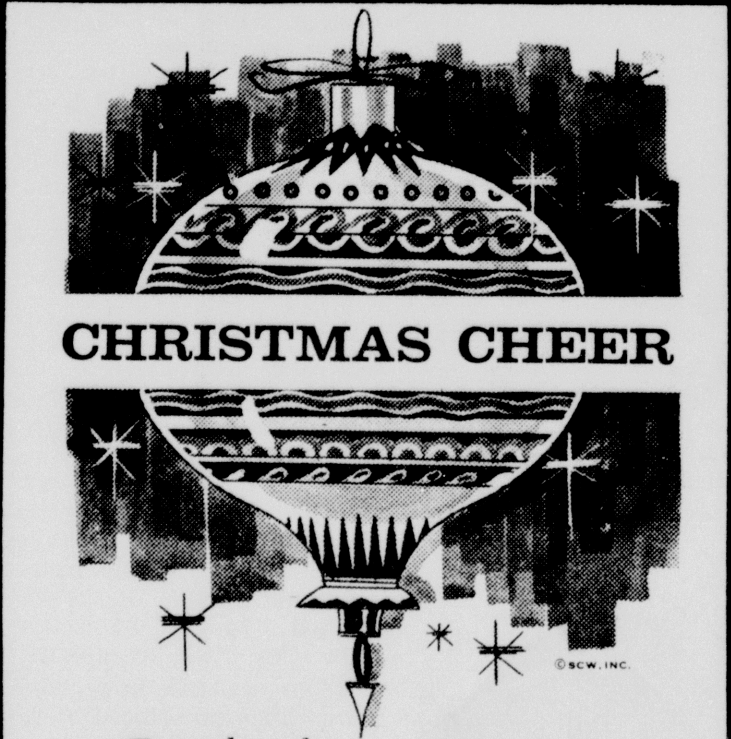


In Burma, where the people are predominantly Buddhist, one may be able to turn on the radio on Christmas Day and hear a live broadcast of Handel's "Messiah" presented by an interdenominational, multiracial choir. "Peace on earth" is what all the "little" people think about and families pray for. In military camps there is mail from home, the best food the army can muster and the odd improvised Christmas tree perched on top of a bunker.



In Taiwan, the island republic's 600,000 Christians observe a more subdued Christmas than their western brothers, saving festivities for the Chinese Lunar New Year. December is bonus time in Japan. The year-end bonus is enjoyed by all employees of Japanese firms and the government, including the Prime Minister. **U.S. Freedom Christmas Gift December 1776** Our religious freedoms are sometimes lightly regarded by certain Americans today, but back in the days when our country was very young, the freedom to worship as we pleased was one of the hard-fought victories of

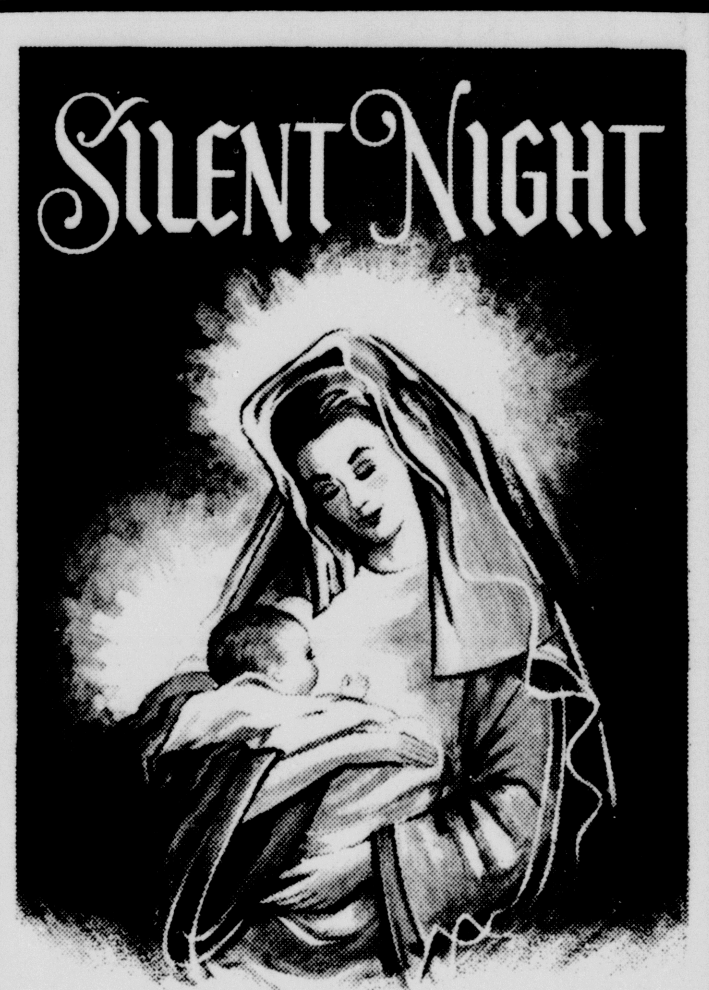
the Revolution. The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such beliefs as Christmas — this was the gift to our country on that very day in December 1776. It happened when George Washington and his men won the battle at Trenton . . . that was the beginning of a long line of victories that eventually led to ultimate victory and total independence, along with complete religious freedom. Of the developing countries' 900 million children, half do not receive any formal education UNICEF helps to train teachers and to produce teaching materials. Tom-toms accompany the carol singing of Philippine students at Christian schools.



To each and every one of our friends: thank you!
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Remember the Needy
Now that the time has come wherein Our Saviour Christ was born, The larder's full of beef and pork, The granary's full of corn. As God hath plenty to thee sent, Take comfort of thy labors, And let it never thee repent To feed thy needy neighbors. — Poor Robin's Almanack (1700)

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes, Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated. The bird of dawn singeth all night long; And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad; The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike, No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm; So hallow'd and gracious is the time. *Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 1*



May this Christmas bring peace and happiness to you and all your loved ones about you.
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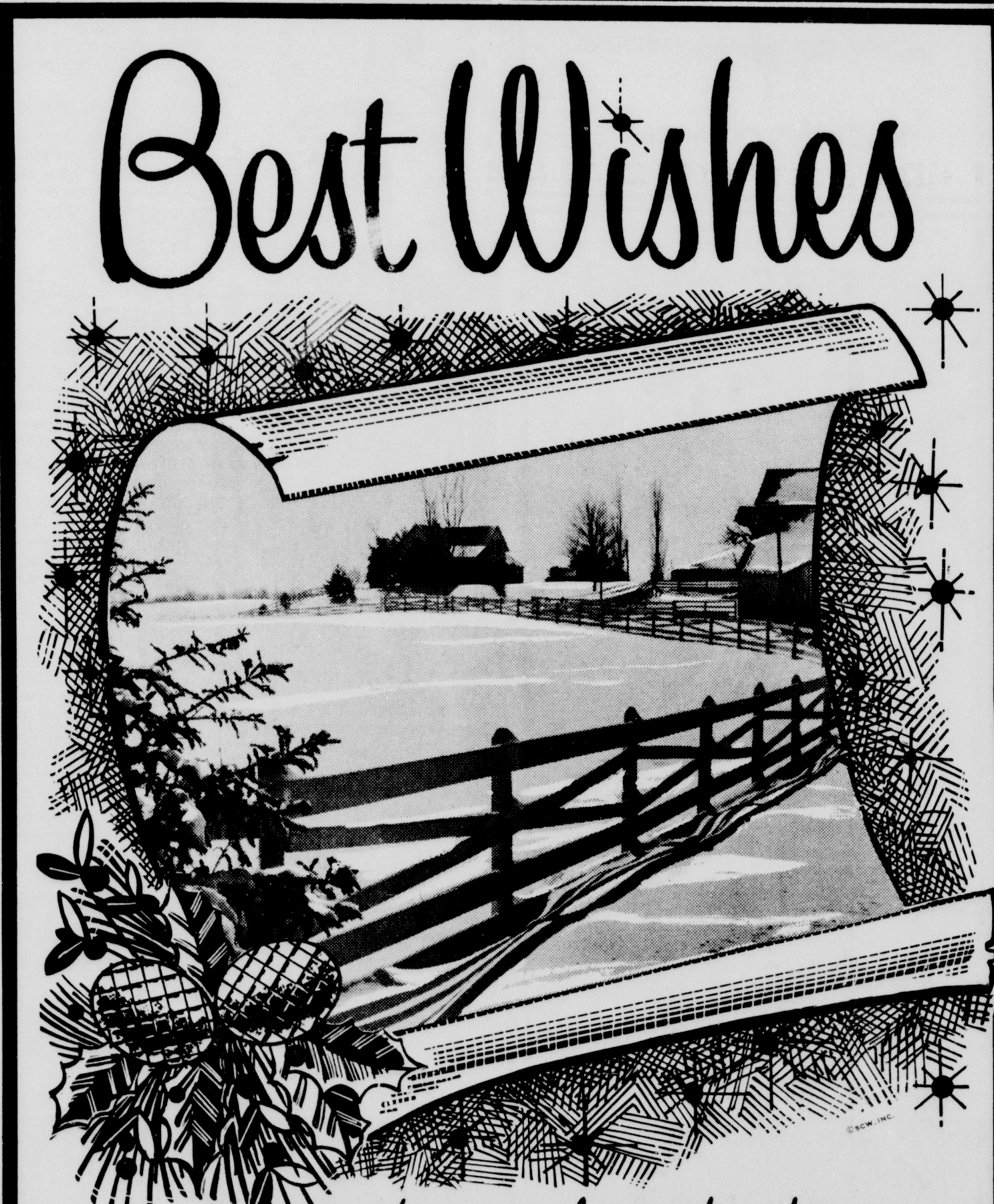
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stories that shed light on Christmas

The good St. Nicholas would often make his appearance . . . riding jolly among the treetops, or over the roofs of houses, now and then drawing forth magnificent presents from his breeches pockets, and dropping them down the chimneys of his favorites.

Diedrich Knickerbocker's History of New York, by Washington Irving

From a telegram by General Sherman to President Lincoln, Christmas Day, 1864: "I beg to present to you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

And the angel said unto them: fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

—Luke II, 10 and 11

A miner's Christmas dinner in the Rockies, 1858: pork, elk, antelope, buffalo, grizzly bear, squirrel, prairie dog and mountain rat; then swan, crane and quail.

England's Henry V lifted the siege of Rouen just long enough to permit food to get through for a Christmas celebration.

There is no record of Jesus' birthdate. Some early church scholars urged that it be celebrated in January. Others pressed for March, April, or September. If, as Luke reports, shepherds were in the fields at night watching over their flocks, the Nativity must have occurred during a warm season. In winter, the sheep slept in folds.

The industrial revolution sharply cut back the traditional twelve days of Christmas. Massachusetts, in deference to the Puritan tradition, didn't declare Christmas Day a legal holiday until 1856. But in the agricultural south, where December was a slack season, the slaves were on holiday as long as the Christmas log could be kept burning — sometimes more than a week.

Hessian soldiers had introduced the Christmas tree to Americans during the Revolutionary War, but it was 1856 before the first tree was put in the White House, by President Franklin Pierce. Several thousand years earlier, the Egyptians brought date palms indoors during their winter solstice rites, to demonstrate life triumph-



PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES for the holidays . . . for the recipe and instructions for the plateful of holiday eating, see article accompanying this photo.

Peanut Butter Cookies Come In Many Sparkly Variations

The traditional sights, sounds and smells of Christmas would not be complete without freshly baked cookies. While Dad is busy chopping off the top of the tree to make sure it barely touches the living room ceiling, the kids are hunting for favorite ornaments and the family pooch is sniffing the evergreen intruder. Mom is busy in the kitchen making up festive goodies.

For Christmas cookies that are bound to become a tradition in your home, the home economists in the test kitchens of Peter Pan Peanut Butter suggest an all-purpose recipe that can be shaped, molded and decorated to suit anyone's fancy. The rich peanut butter flavor of these cookies will go well with the trimmings of the season, including dried fruit, chopped nuts, jelly, glacé cherries and candy sprinkles.

After Mom has made up the recipe for the peanut butter cookie dough, let the junior family members take over the finishing details of the cookies. Arm them with a cookie press or a pastry tube and let them create the various shapes. The cookie dough can be formed with a thumb print indentation and filled with jelly; it can be flattened out and decorated with glacé cherries or baked and dipped in melted chocolate.

ant over death. The Romans trimmed trees with trinkets and masks of Bacchus during the Saturnalia.

Peanut Butter Christmas Cookies

(Makes 5 to 6 dozen cookies)

- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Colored candy sprinkles

Cream peanut butter with butter. Gradually add sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt and cinnamon. Stir into sprinkles. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degree oven 8 to 10 minutes.

VARIATIONS:

1. Place balls on cookie sheet, make indentations with thumb. Fill each with 1/4 teaspoon jelly. Bake as directed above.
2. Flatten balls on cookie sheet to 1/2-inch thickness. Decorate with nuts or glacé red and green cherries, as desired. Bake as directed above.
3. Force dough through pastry tube to form Christmas wreath, decorate with red and green glacé cherries. Bake as directed above.
4. Shape dough around pitted dates. Bake as directed above. Roll in confectioners sugar while still warm. Repeat rolling when cooled.
5. Chill dough. Roll out on well floured pastry cloth to 1/8-inch thickness, cut into 1 1/2 x 3/4-inch rectangular strips. Bake as directed above. Half-dip cookies into

combined 1 package (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted over hot water; 1 3/4 cup undiluted evaporated milk and 2 cups sifted confectioners sugar. Roll in finely chopped pistachio nuts, almonds or flaked coconut, as directed.

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SANTA RIDES A WHITE MARE OVER ROOF TOPS . . OTHER DUTCH XMAS-LORE

Donner, Blitzen and all the rest of that squad of flying reindeer which Dr. Clement Moore immortalized in his famous poem might get "in Dutch" with the children of the Netherlands who traditionally get a different image at Christmas. And the timing is different. Christmas comes twice a year for the children of Holland. They get their presents on the evening of Dec. 5 or the following morning. Three weeks later, with the rest of the world, they celebrate the festival, in a religious way.

In the morning, if the children have behaved themselves, they may find a little toy or some goodies in their shoes.

From the middle of November the misty Dutch air is filled with the sound of children's voices singing the traditional St. Nicholas song, completely secular. After Dec. 6 there



is a switchover to Christmas carols.

Dutch mothers and fathers shop, especially until late in the evening for two weeks before Dec. 6.



Preparing for Christmas sometimes invites small accidents. Take precautions against spot happenings. Spread a plastic sheet or tablecloth under the Christmas tree stand as carpet protector. rearrange furniture to keep valuables out of the heavy-traffic lanes; consider adding a stain-proof finish to delicate furniture fabrics to form a shield against spots and spills; brush up the furnishings before the holiday guests arrive. it will be easier.



Ghosts

Souls of dead persons may wander abroad on Christmas Eve. Or so it was believed in both Yugoslavia and Norway. A lighted candle placed in a window was thought to have power to keep ghosts outside a home and to light them on their way. Yule candles are still placed in cottage windows.



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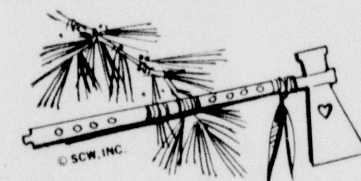
AMERICA'S SETTLERS CELEBRATED IN OWN WAY

During the early 17th century any formal observance of Christmas was ruled out by the rigid code of Puritanism. Yule festivity was forbidden as emanating from the Devil. And the Devil was very much a personage in those days. This rule persisted until 1681 when it was repealed. Probably the influence of the Dutch and German settlers had prevailed, and their customs of Christmas feasting and gaiety softened the hearts of the strict Puritans.

The plenty of the new land provided abundant foodstuffs for the holiday table. And the woods' greens, boughs and assorted cones were used for decorative trim.



In 1804 the explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark rested from their journey westward to celebrate Christmas Day somewhere in the vicinity of what is now Bismarck, North Dakota. Captain Clark wrote in his journal, "We enjoyed a merry Christmas during the day & evening until nine.



In northeastern Wyoming it was rumored that one of a pioneer's Christmas trees had a calming influence on a wounded Sioux Indian who burst into a widow's cabin seeking help and food. She was decorating a small tree for her two children. Its beauty aroused the Indian's curiosity and through sign language, the woman was able to explain in part some of the tree's significance. She fed and cared for the Indian and was able to take him back to his tribe. It is part of the legend that he, having learned the spirit of Christmas, rewarded her with many gifts.



Warm Christmas

From a letter Horace Walpole wrote to his friend Sir Horace Mann, Strawberry Hill, December 26, 1748:

"Did you ever know a more absolute country-gentleman? Here am I come down to what you call keep my Christmas! Indeed it is not in all the forms; I have stuck no laurel and holly in my windows. I eat no turkey and chine. I have no tenants to invite. I have not brought a single soul with me. The weather is excessively stormy, but has been so warm, and so entirely free from frosts the whole winter, that not only several of my honeysuckles are come out, but I have literally a blossom upon a nectarine-tree, which I believe was never seen in this climate before on the 26th of December. I am extremely busy here planting . . ."



Bless thy year,
thy coming in,
thy going out . .
thy rest, thy
traveling about,
the rough, the
smooth, the
bright, the
drear . . . God
bless thy year.



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From all of us to all of you,
best wishes for a happy Yule!

JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIR

Taos Indians have observed Yuletide for centuries

One of the most colorful celebrations of Christmas in America has been the rites conducted by the Taos Indians in New Mexico.

Commemorative Indian dances originated long before Spanish priests brought the Roman Catholic religion to the isolated pueblos of New Mexico in the 1600s. But with their conversion to Catholicism, the Indians blended the new and old, and the outgrowth was the Christmas dance.

The practice of Christmas dances originated when Spanish explorers and priests asked the Indians to perform whatever



dances they thought would be appropriate for the religious holiday.

Customarily, either the Deer dance or the Matachines dance is performed on Christmas day.

According to the Indians, the Deer dance was chosen hundreds of years ago because the Indians thought the deer was one of the animals that might have been present when Christ was born.

The Matachines is a dance honoring the mother of Christ. According to an Indian spokesman, the dance was developed by the Indians from their interpretation of Spanish Catholic teachings about the Virgin Mother.

Religious events are plentiful in this predominantly Catholic state, although many of the services are no different (save for the setting, the adobe buildings and the cultural heritage of the people) from services held elsewhere.

Visitors now have to look long and hard to find any shepherds' watch-fires twinkling on the hills to light the path of Mary and Joseph. Once, such fires were common.

Also on Christmas Eve, the Indians of Taos customarily stage a procession lined by bonfires and by lighted pine faggots attached to long poles. Downtown Santa Fe is also usually ablaze with candle and artificial light during Christmas week.

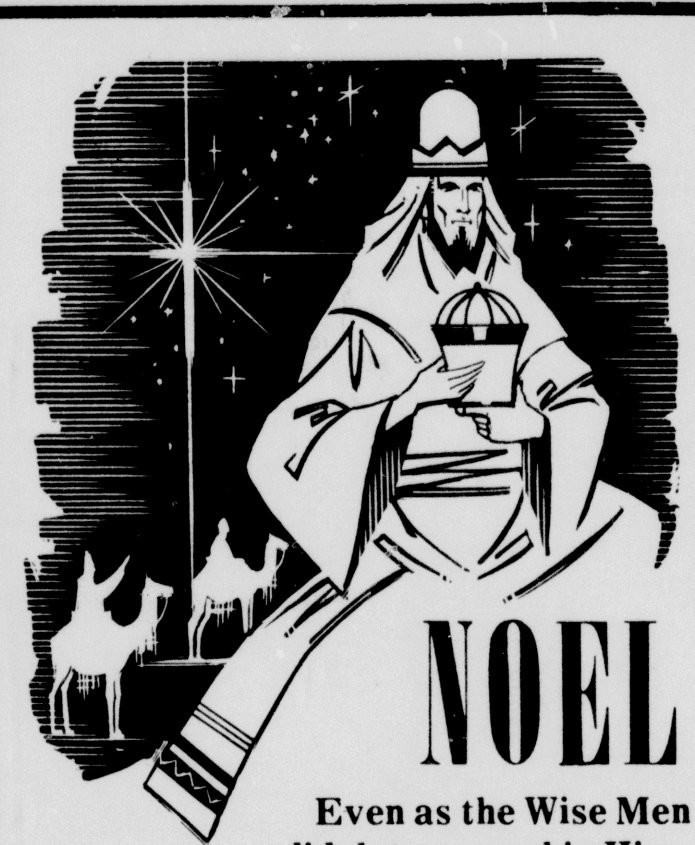
Christmas in the West in the 1850s

The famous landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted was visiting far from home, in Texas during the Christmas season in the early 1850 s. Evidently his preconceived impressions of the wild West bore out. In his diary he noted that from his hotel window he could see the Christmas-Eve celebration in San Augustine was noisy and boisterous. The town only had about 50 houses and 12 shops, but its citizens gathered into a band of serenaders who went about the small village beating on tin pans and being very boisterous. This was in sharp contrast to Olmsted's New England upbringing. Throughout Texas and the West, Christmas Day was often spent in wild turkey shoots, followed by a tremendous feast with the bird as featured fare.



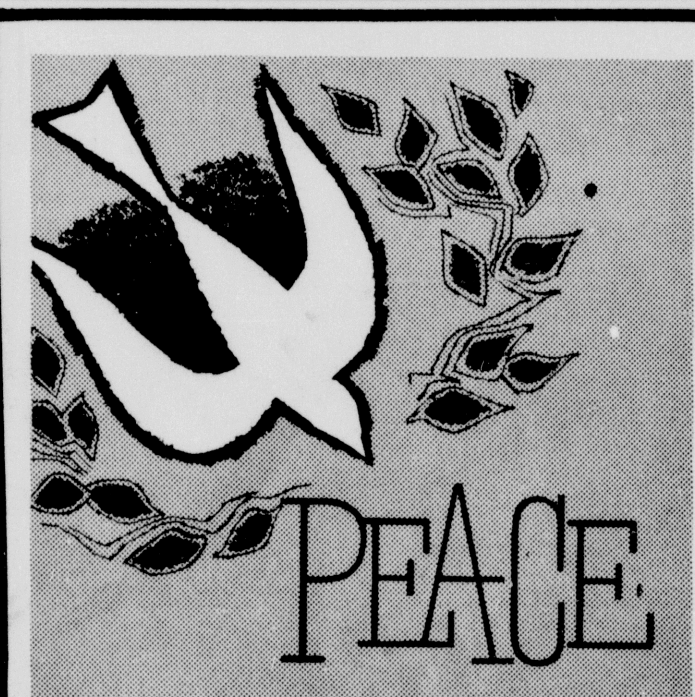
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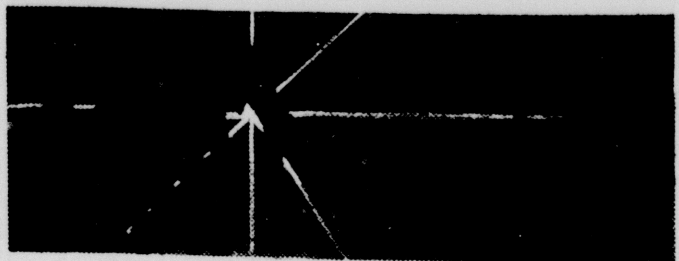


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Tomorrow promises to bring Man in direct contact with other planets, someday perhaps the very stars will become the venue of Man's exploration.

He is reaching for the very

Heavens.

Technology — Man's technology — is conquering the universe.

There is talk of science — Man's science — unlocking the secret of life itself.

All of which prompts many thoughtful people to ask — particularly at a time of year when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace — whether Man is reaching too far, attempting to usurp the role of the Creator.

It's an age-old question. Science vs. religion. It was asked of the Wright Brothers, who upset the known natural law that if God had intended Man to fly, He would have given him wings.

It is a question that has engaged eminent scientists and philosophers. Albert Einstein wrote that "science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

The conclusion, generally, has been reassuring. Cornell University's first president, Andrew Dickson White, put it this way:

My conviction is that science, though it has evidently conquered Dogmatic Theology based on biblical texts and ancient modes of thought, will go hand in hand with religion; and that, although theological control will continue to diminish, religion, as seen in the recognition of a Power in the universe, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness, and in the love of God and of our neighbor, will steadily grow stronger and stronger.

But this was before the moonships Apollo.

The implications of manned space flight are so enormous that the theological questions inevitably rise again.

Man understands the world. It is finite. Only God understands the universe. It is infinite.

Or is it? Will spacemen someday explore its outer end, chart its boundaries, map its wonders with the precision of the surveyor's transit and mapmaker's compass?

Is creation in danger of becoming Man's handiwork?

Most of our nation's astronauts — the men who have actually ventured into the void — are religious men. And evidently they have seen and felt nothing to shake their faith in the One Creator of this universe we are now beginning to probe.

The words are once again words of reassurance.

On his return from the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong visited the Vatican, addressed the Cardinals and bishops at the Roman Catholic synod then in meeting. How, he was asked, had his moon walk affected his personal relationship with God?

"Today as I looked around this building," replied Arm-

free of his own planet. But we cannot conceive of a universe that had no Cause, or an intellect that had no Creator.



Yule Log

An important ceremony of Christmas in many countries of Northern Europe was that of burning the Yule log. Logs large enough to burn for twelve days were used, and the fire was tended constantly to prevent its burning out before the end of the twelve days. In Lithuania, now a part of Russia, the word for Christmas meant literally "log evening."



It is quite likely that the early Christians — persecuted, driven underground — chose to celebrate Jesus' birthday during the Saturnalia so that the public festival would conceal their secret rites.

It is not surprising that the gaiety and outward form of the Saturnalia were incorporated into our Christmas customs.

The date of Dec. 25 was expressly chosen by the early Christian leaders as a means of combating their chief competitor, the Mithraic religion. Dec. 25 was the birthday of Mithras, the Unconquered Sun, revered as creator of the world and upholder of truth and justice, whose followers underwent a ceremony of baptism to attain eternal life. This highly ethical and intellectual religion was especially favored by the influential upper classes — and was therefore deeply rooted in the life and customs of Rome.

By the middle of the fourth century A.D., it was evident that the populace was determined to have a festival at the time. In 353 Pope Liberius, to honor Saturnus or Mithras, or just for the sake of having a rollicking good time, decided to absorb observances by declaring Dec. 25 the official birthday.

Best Wishes



CHARLENE'S CUT AND CURL

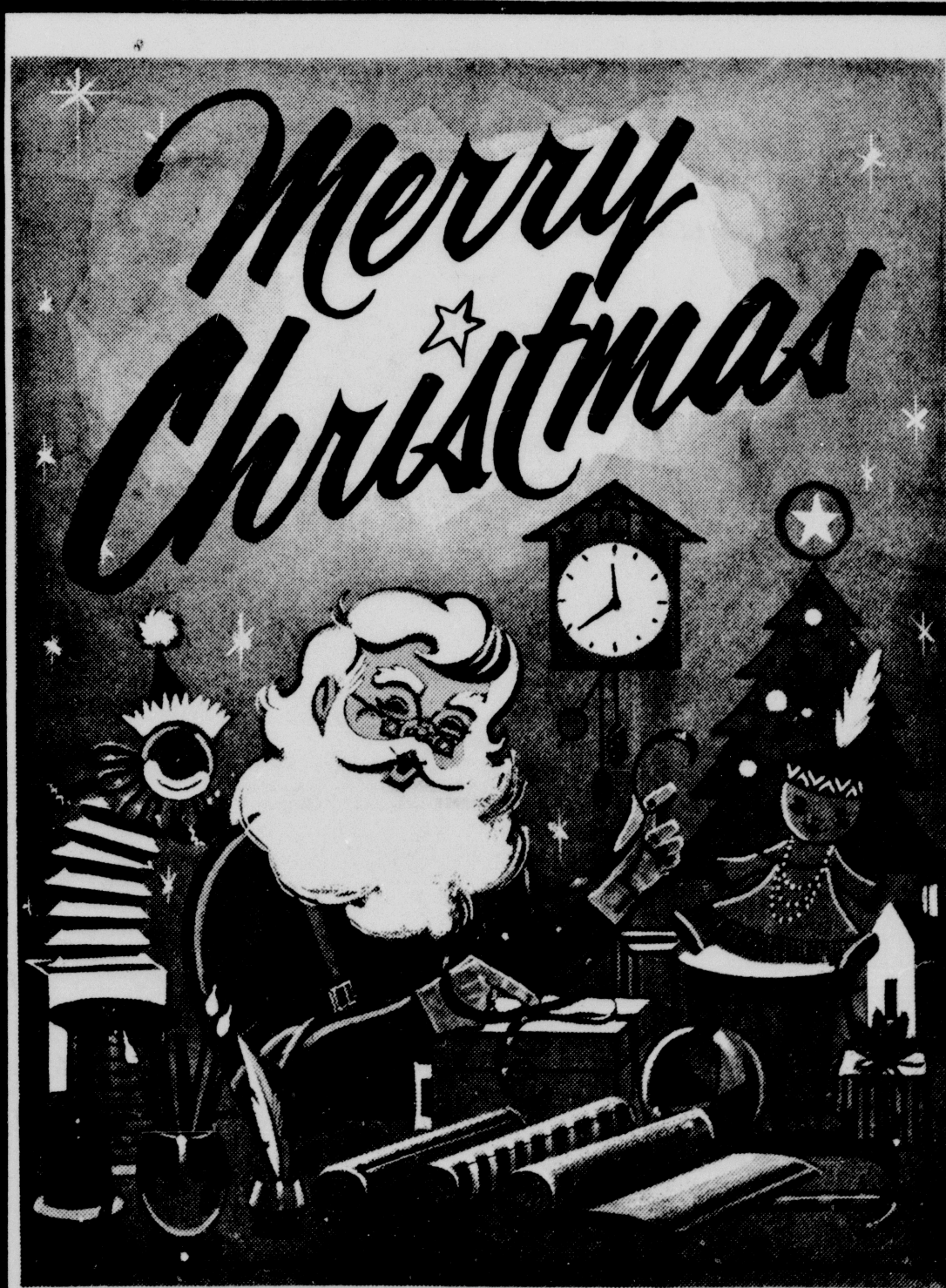
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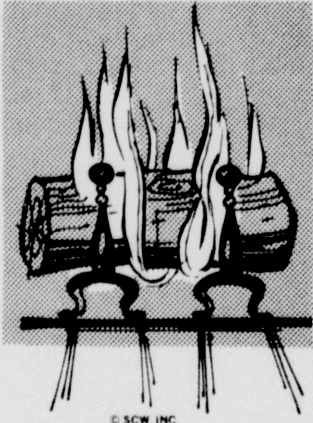
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The Word "Yule" Has Pagan Origins

The ancient northern Europeans, acutely conscious of the peregrinations of the Sun, formed definite theories about it. They thought the sun was a wheel revolving around the earth, and they observed that on one particular day in midwinter its appearance and disappearance marked the shortest day of the year. This cycle was known to them as the Hweol, and it was a time of celebrating.

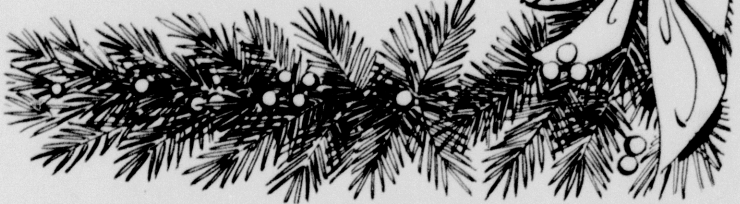


As the pagan Yule celebrations were replaced by the feast of Christmas, the festival season extended from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany. This meant that the Yule log had plenty of time, big as it used to be, to flame and flicker before the last of it had smoldered to ashes.

In the agricultural economy of the pre-Civil War South here in our own country, the Yule log was the means of procuring a true holiday for the field hands.

There was on many plantations an accepted unwritten rule that the slaves would not have to work outdoors so long as the Yule log was alight. The workers would take advantage of this custom, and select the biggest and toughest gum tree trunk

Whatever else is lost among the years
Let us keep Christmas.
Its meaning never ends
Whatever doubts assail us or what fears,
Let us hold close this day
Remembering friends.

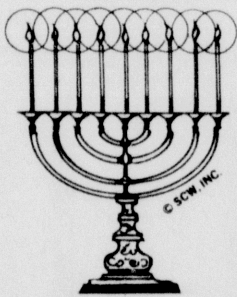


Hanukkah, Christmas customs foster mutual respect

Maybe some Jewish parents enjoy the image of Santa as much as their children do. Said one mother, "The children believe in Santa to not hurt my feelings. I sometimes try to save the big presents for Christmas day. They put some socks by the fireplace, but they stay empty. Santa Claus belongs to all sects, the children don't believe he's a religious figure."

They go to synagogue and at Hanukkah the house is decorated with stars of David. The family eats potato pancakes, and the children get a present every night. But, every year, the children ask for Christmas lights outside the house.

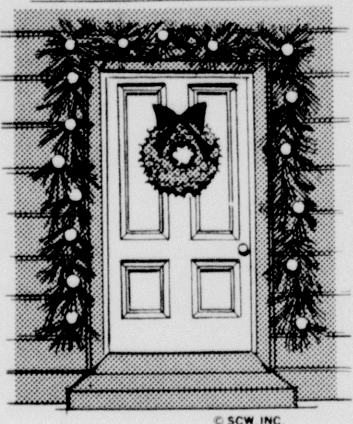
Behind all the Christian and Jewish symbols — the tree, the star of Bethlehem, the menorah, the star of David — is the effort by the parents to be sure their children understand the basic differences.



"We visited a friend who had a huge Christmas tree, and that widened their horizons," says a Jewish mother.

With all of the hoopla, the merrymaking, the feverish shopping mania, the neighbors' vying with each other to decorate the house, etc., etc., one wonders at how our non-Christian brothers react to the secular celebration of "Christmas."

they could find. They would sink it under water for weeks beforehand, to make it as slow-burning as possible. Sometimes one of these nearly fireproof logs would simmer away for several weeks.



What do Jewish children do when their neighbors' brightly colored Christmas lights come on, the trees are laden with baubles and the stockings are hung by the television set...? How do their parents answer questions about Santa Claus?

Said one mother, whose Jewish family is one of about 30 in her neighborhood, "There's such an abundance of Christmas in school. I find that 50% of the class curriculum between Thanksgiving and Christmas is devoted to the holiday. The Jewish children begin to feel very lonesome and stand-outish around Christmas. So we counter with our Hanukkah celebration."

"We try to emphasize the meaning of the holiday, the fight for freedom and relate it to modern history. I make latkes — we light the menorah, we have close friends over. We try to give our children a feeling of unity, that there are other Jews around, too — that all of us have a part, together, in this holiday season."

Many would like to believe in Santa Claus, too. Some Jewish parents bridge the Santa Claus gap.

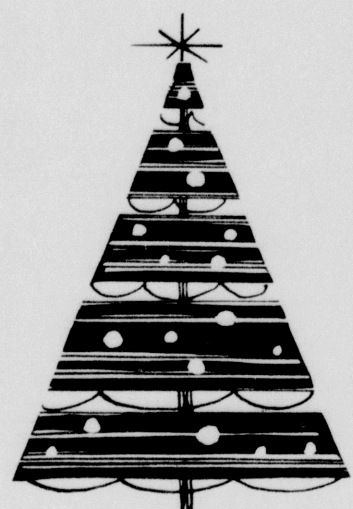


Explained one Jewish mother, "Santa Claus visited our house and brought presents. We also celebrated Hanukkah, both the fun and the religious

part. But at Christmas, the religious part was completely disregarded. The giving and the Santa Claus part is American, not Christian."

Another mother disagrees. "One of the local rabbis said that it's an imposition to celebrate Christmas if you're Jewish and he's right," she said. "I think our neighbors appreciate it and respect us more for observing what we believe in. We can all live together, Christians and Jews, with mutual respect for our customs, in America."

To that we say, Amen.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING ONCE SUSPECT

Decorating the tree and the home was not always an innocent pastime. In the very early days of the Christian Church the Popes took a cautious stand on the matter of decorations and festivities. They felt that some of the emerging customs were too pagan in origin.

The church gradually accepted and blessed the practice of decorating both the house of God and the Christian home with plants and flowers on the feast of the Nativity.

Pope Gregory I (604 A.D.) in a letter to St. Augustine of Canterbury advised him to permit, and even to encourage, harmless popular customs which seemed non-pagan and natural, and could be given Christmas interpretation.



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